

Lower Klamath National Wildlife Refuge

2011 Hunting Regulations – Fee Hunt Area



Recreation User Fee – An annual recreation pass is required for all hunting on the Lower Klamath National Wildlife Refuge. Contact the Refuge office or web page concerning purchasing options. A special draw permit is required for opening weekend of the waterfowl season. *All State, Federal and Refuge required hunting licenses, stamps and permits must be in your possession while hunting.*

Hunting Hours – Hunting on Lower Klamath NWR is permitted 7 days per week. Entry hours begin 1 ½ hours prior to State regulation shoot time unless otherwise posted. On the California portion of Lower Klamath NWR shoot time ends each day at 1:00 p.m. During designated and special hunts shooting hours will correspond with State regulations. Shooting hours for the Oregon portion of the Lower Klamath NWR correspond to State regulations. Pheasant hunting hours in Refuge hunting areas correspond to state regulations. Vehicle line-ups at hunt entrances may not begin before midnight; camping on the refuge is not permitted. Standard Refuge hours are from sunrise to sunset.

Huntible Species – Only pheasants, waterfowl (ducks, geese and mergansers), coot, moorhens and snipe may be hunted on the Refuge. All other wildlife species are protected.

Access Routes and Parking - Motor vehicles are allowed on hunter access routes only and must park in designated parking areas unless otherwise posted. There are no parking restrictions in the Oregon Straits hunting area. Waterfowl hunters may drive off access routes to set out or pick up decoys in the following areas: Sheepy East, Units 4G, 9D, Orems 1,2 & 3, Stearns, Sheepy West, Miller Lake and the Oregon Straits. Driving off access routes is at your own risk. The Refuge takes no responsibility for damage to vehicles or equipment.

Retrieval Zones – Retrieval zones are no hunting zones. Restrictions apply to all hunting areas. Setting decoys or blinds inside these zones is prohibited. Only unloaded firearms may be taken through these zones when necessary to reach hunting areas.

Pit Blinds – The Stearns area pit blinds are available on a first come first served basis.

Hunter-Made Blinds – Only portable and temporary blinds built of dead, downed or detached natural vegetation are permitted. Digging in the fields is prohibited.

Boats and OHVs – Boats may be used on all areas open to waterfowl hunting. Air-thrust and inboard water thrust (jet)

boats are prohibited. Units 4B and 6B-1 are motor-less or electric motors only. Starting December 1, unit 4B is open to motorboat use. Boat launching is not permitted after 1:00p.m. All State boating regulations are enforced. OHVs are permitted only inside the drive-in fields listed under “Access Routes”. OHVs are not allowed on roads or dikes.

Removal of Personal Property – Hunters and all personal property including decoys, boats and other equipment must be removed from all hunt areas within 1 ½ hours of ending shoot time; and from the refuge at the close of each day. *Hunters are responsible for removing ALL trash including shot shell hulls when leaving hunting areas.*

Disabled Hunters – Two hunt blinds are available for mobility impaired hunters on Lower Klamath NWR. For more information or to reserve a blind please call the Refuge office.

Prohibited Acts – Use or possession of alcohol is prohibited while hunting. No person may possess any weapon or ammunition in the field that may not be legally used for taking waterfowl or pheasant. It is illegal to carry loaded firearms on any access route. It is illegal to shoot from or across any access route or parking area. Non-toxic shot must be used for ALL hunted species on the Lower Klamath NWR.

State Regulation Information - Additional information regarding season dates, shoot times, harvest limits, state and federal regulations may be found in the State regulation booklets or at the following websites:

California Department of Fish & Game – www.dfg.ca.gov
Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife – www.dfw.state.or.us

For More Information, Contact:

Klamath Basin National Wildlife Refuge Complex
4009 Hill Road, Tulelake, CA 96134
Phone: 530/667 2231

Web site address: <http://www.fws.gov/klamathbasinrefuges>

To Report a violation in progress call: Refuge enforcement at 541/891 5980, CAL-TIP at 888/334 2258 or ODFW at 800/452 7888

